

March 29, 2002

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UE-011571

Compliance Filing Advice No. 2002-09

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-040 and WAC 480-80-050, enclosed are an original and three copies of the following revised tariff sheets:

### WN U-2 - (Natural Gas Tariff):

Original Sheet No. 1119	- Schedule 119 Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment
Original Sheet No. 1119-A	- Schedule 119 Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)
Original Sheet No. 1119-B	- Schedule 119 Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)
Original Sheet No. 1119-C	- Schedule 119 Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Ninth Supplemental Order: Rejecting Tariff Filing; Approving And Adopting Settlement Stipulation; Authorizing And Requiring Compliance Filing in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UE-011571.

The enclosed tariff sheets reflect an issue date of March 29, 2002, and an effective date of April 1, 2002, by authority of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UE-011571.

Very truly yours,

Steve Secrist Director, Rates and Regulation

Encl.

Page 2 of 2 Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary March 28, 2002

cc:

Simon J. ffitch Mark Quehrn Service List

#### Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment

Section 1: Purpose (N)

The purpose of this schedule is to establish a mechanism to both verify and enforce the Company's obligation to achieve a specific equity capital ratio and to adjust rates if the Company fails to attain specific equity ratios in its capital structure, as required by the Settlement Stipulation in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571, and as required in the 9th Supplemental Order accepting said Settlement Stipulation in those dockets.

#### Section 2: Minimum Capital Structure Targets

The following equity capital structure ratios, measured by year-end financial statements, will be applied for purposes of this tariff:

December 31, 2003, Minimum Equity Ratio: 34%
December 31, 2004, Minimum Equity Ratio: 36%
December 31, 2005, Minimum Equity Ratio: 39%
December 31 of Subsequent Years: 39%

#### Section 3: Determination of Whether Rate Adjustment Applies

No later than two days following the Company's release of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s, 10K filing with the SEC, the Company will provide such statements to the Commission, together with a calculation of the actual equity ratio reflected in the 10K as defined below. The actual equity ratio for comparison with the Minimum Capital Structure Targets defined in the section above will be calculated as follows: common equity will be divided by the sum of total capitalization and current liabilities consisting of short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt . The terms used in the preceding calculation shall be as defined in the PSE 2001 10K.

(Continued on Sheet No. 1119-A)

(N)

<b>ADVICE NO:</b> 2002-09	
<b>Issued:</b> March 29, 2002	Effective: With all service on and after April 1, 2002
<b>Issued By:</b> Puget Sound Energy	
By Authority of the WA Utilities and Transportation	n Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 & UG-011571
<u> </u>	

By: Steve Secrist Title: Director, Rates & Regulation

Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)

The following provides a sample calculation based upon the Company's 2001 10K:

 Common Equity
 \$1,267,654,000

 Total Capitalization
 \$3,732,131,000

 Current Maturity LT Debt
 \$ 117,000,000

 Short-Term Debt
 \$ 338,168,000

 Total:
 \$4,187,299,000

Actual Equity Ratio Per Settlement Stipulation as of 12/31/2001: 30.3%

If the actual equity ratio so calculated is less than the Target Minimum Equity Ratios defined above, the rate adjustment, described below, will be applied on April 1 of that year. If a rate adjustment is required pursuant to this tariff, the Company will file a statement with the Commission confirming the date and amount by which customer bills have been adjusted to reflect the rate change.

#### Section 4: Rate Adjustment

If a rate adjustment is applicable according to the Determination of Whether Rate Adjustment Applies section above, the Company's general rates for gas service shall be reduced by 2% on April 1 of that year as described in the table below, and shall remain in effect for a full calendar year. If the Company's 10K filing is delayed so as to prevent an April 1 rate adjustment, any rate adjustment required by the "Determination of Whether Rate Adjustment Applies" section of this tariff will be in effect for a full calendar year.

The following table is based on the total rates, not including conservation rider Schedule 120, as filed in the Company's prefiled case which shall be revised based on the final rates approved by the Commission in Docket UG-011571:

(Continued on Sheet No. 1119-B)

(N)

(N)

ADVICE NO: 2002-09

Issued: March 29, 2002

Effective: With all service on and after April 1, 2002

**Issued By:** Puget Sound Energy

By Authority of the WA Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 & UG-011571

Ву:	Collin	Steve Secrist	Title: Director, Rates & Regulation
-----	--------	---------------	-------------------------------------

# Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)

	(Continued)		
		Ad	ty Tracker justment pplicable)
23/24	Customer charge: per month	\$	(0.15)
	Firm Gas: All therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01762)
RS 31	Customer charge: per month	\$	(0.40)
	Firm Gas: All therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01373)
RS 36	Customer charge: per month	\$	(0.40)
	Firm Gas: All therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01333)
RS 41	Customer charge: per month	\$	(5.20)
	Firm Gas: First 500 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00974)
i	Next 4,500 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00874)
	All over 5,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00834)
	Firm demand charge:		
	All therms per day @ per therm	\$	(0.04520)
RS 50	Customer charge: per unit, per month	\$	(3.00)
	Firm Gas: All therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01509)
RS 51	Customer charge: per unit, per month	\$	(0.15)
	Firm Gas: All therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01452)
RS 85	Customer charge: per month	\$	(5.50)
	Minimum Monthly Volume Charge	\$	(0.00159)
	greater of 50% of highest volume in last 12 mo.		
	or 15,000 therms per month		
	Interruptible gas:		
	First 25,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00998)
	Next 25,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00938)
	All over 50,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00898)
	Firm demand charge:		
	All therms per day @ per therm	\$	(0.06080)

(Continued on Sheet No. 1119-C)

<b>ADVICE NO:</b> 2002-09		
<b>Issued:</b> March 29, 2002	<b>Effective:</b>	With all service on and after April 1, 2002
<b>Issued By:</b> Puget Sound Energy		
By Authority of the WA Utilities and Transportation	n Commission	in Docket Nos. UE-011570 & UG-011571
By: Subst	_ Steve Secr	ist <b>Title:</b> Director, Rates & Regulation
Бу.	_ Sieve Seci	ist Title: Director, Rates & Regulation

## Capital Structure Tracker Rate Adjustment (Continued)

	(Continued)			_
		Equity Tracker Adjustment (if applicable)		(N)     
RS 86	Customer charge: per month	\$	(5.50)	
	Minimum Annual Volume Charge	\$	(0.00212)	
	10,000 therms per year @ per therm on deficiency Interruptible gas:		, ,	
	First 1,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.01060)	
	All over 1,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00920)	
	Firm demand charge:	*	(*****=*)	
	All therms per day @ per therm	\$	(0.06080)	
RS 87	Customer charge: per month	\$	(6.00)	
	Contract volume charge:			
	per therm times (a)- (b) when (a) = monthly	\$	(0.00020)	
	contract volume and $(b)$ = actual volume			
	Interruptible gas:			
	First 100,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00992)	
	Next 100,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00896)	
	Next 300,000 therms @per therm	\$	(0.00876)	
	All over 500,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00856)	
	Firm demand charge:			
	All therms per day @ per therm	\$	(0.12440)	
RS 57	Customer charge: per month	\$	(16.00)	
	Interruptible commodity charge:			
	First 25,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00158)	
	Next 25,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00158)	
	Next 50,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00158)	
	Next 100,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00061)	
	Next 300,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00041)	
	All over 500,000 therms @ per therm	\$	(0.00021)	
	Firm demand charge:			
	All therms per day @ per therm	\$	(0.02000)	(1

ADVICE NO: 2002-09
Issued: March 29, 2002

Effective: With all service on and after April 1, 2002

**Issued By:** Puget Sound Energy

By Authority of the WA Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 & UG-011571

By: Steve Secrist Title: Director, Rates & Regulation